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PRESS RELEASE

Arrest of MICHAEL AND SHARON CORBETT, d/b/a "www.girlspooping.com" and MJC

Beckley, West Virginia. Kasey Warner, United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, United States Department of Justice, and William V. Hall, Inspector in Charge, United States Postal Inspection Service, Mid-Atlantic Division, jointly announced today that a complaint was filed in Beckley, West Virginia charging Michael J. Corbett and Sharon E. Corbett, of 240 Tall Timbers Drive, Lewisburg, West Virginia, 24901, with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1461, for the knowing use of the mail to deliver obscene video tapes and DVDs.

The complaint alleges that Michael and Sharon Corbett are operators of an Internet website business using the web address "www.girlspooping.com." According to the complaint, through their website business, the Corbetts offered for sale and delivery, via the U.S. mail, a total of 53 video tapes and DVDs, 40 minutes to 2 hours in length, depicting graphic and sexually explicit scenes of defecation and urination.

The complaint further alleges that during the investigation of these charges conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service in conjunction with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, it was determined that the Corbetts mailed 6 to 30 parcels per day, five days per week to locations throughout the United States and in foreign countries. Further, the bank account records of Michael and Sharon Corbett, d/b/a, MJC, indicate that in one three-month period alone the Corbetts earned approximately \$70,000 in customer receipts from their video tape distribution business, using the "www.girlspooping.com" website.

As a result of the investigation, Michael J. Corbett and Sharon E. Corbett were arrested on March 26, 2003 and search warrants were executed in locations in Lewisburg, West Virginia and Quitman, Georgia. The arrests and searches were conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the West Virginia State Police, and the Quitman, Georgia Police Department. Valuable assistance was also provided by United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia.

The prosecution is being handled by Trial Attorney David Szuchman of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.